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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. J. G. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate  
Internal Security Subcommittee, re [ ]

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1. I met with Mr. Sourwine today in an effort to convey to him the thrust of CI Staff's views on the testimony [ ] given to the Internal Security Subcommittee. I had decided that it would be better for me, as one not familiar with the substance of [ ] testimony, to talk with Sourwine and thereby avoid placing a CI Staff officer in direct contact with him.

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2. For purposes of convenience, I mentioned the name of [ ] in connection with our review of [ ] transcripts since [ ] is known to Sourwine and he would be the officer designated by CI Staff to meet with Sourwine if this should become necessary. In the course of my conversation I tried to make it clear to Sourwine that:

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a. We had our own opinion [ ] but that we would not engage in a debate as to his bona fides.

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b. We did not believe what [ ] had to say about [ ]

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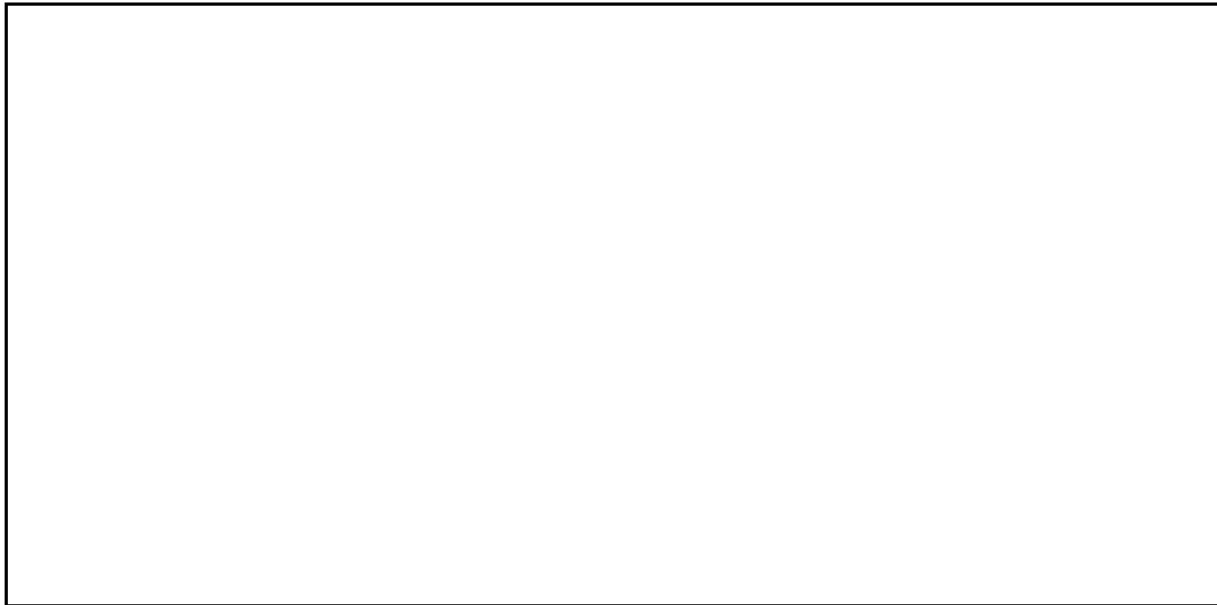
c. If [ ] did indeed have a mission we believe it would have been in the area of wrecking the Allies (splitting the West) and we believe that publication of his testimony would serve that mission. I added that we felt that publishing his testimony would serve no useful purpose--that these were matters which were better handled discreetly by organizations such as our own--out of the public eye.

d. Sourwine had done an excellent job of pointing out that [ ] testimony was largely hearsay.

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4. Sourwine seemed to appreciate all of this but he obviously has made a decision in [redacted] case which he now must justify in some way. He said he was sure that Chairman Eastland would feel it was necessary to publish some of [redacted] testimony to justify the Subcommittee's expenses and the use of State Department counterpart funds in bringing [redacted] to the U.S. Sourwine said he expected that all they would publish would be the testimony [redacted] but he plans to review this with Senator Eastland. He said he would let us know before the Subcommittee published any of the testimony and would give us an opportunity to screen it for security deletions if we wished to make them. Sourwine said he very much appreciated our candid response to him and added that this gave him something to go on in considering the situation.

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